

LEGISLATORS GET INTO STRIDE AND PUSH WORK FORWARD

HOUSE BEGINS WEEDING OUT AND MANY BILLS GO DOWN INTO DISCARD

Measures of Doubtful Need or Merit Tabled and New Legislation Started

Heads of house bills were clipped off and dropped temporarily into the "morque" this morning under the merciless sweep of committee axes which already have begun the task of weeding out from among the great mass of measures those documents which it is believed would have but slim chances of weathering the final legislative storm of both houses.

The first to go by the board was H. B. 39, Kelekolio's measure for an appropriation for the Hilo library for the biennial period. The finance committee decapitated this measure with the explanation that the money already has been provided. Mossman's little bit of humor in the form of H. B. 46 was the next to fall beneath the axe of the finance committee. This provides that all persons having five or more children be exempt from taxation.

Kelekolio's measure to reduce the fee for Hawaiian birth certificates from \$5 to \$2.50 also was tabled on recommendation of the finance committee. The "boy orator" from Hawaii also lost out on H. B. 31, providing \$100,000 for a public hospital at Hilo, the measure having been laid on the table upon the recommendation of the finance committee.

Afternoon Sessions Coming
The house this morning settled down more comfortably into routine work, bills, resolutions and other measures coming thick and fast during the two hours. Speaker Holstein, speaking on behalf of the press, urged all members to provide the reporters with a copy of each bill or resolution introduced. Within a few days, the speaker has announced, the house will begin to hold afternoon sessions. This has not been done since the opening of the legislature.

One of the first "money" measures to come before the house today was a resolution by Representative Kawahara providing for the appropriation of \$24,000 out of any available fund for armories on the Big Island as follows: Makapala, \$6000; Hilo, \$6000; Napoos, \$6000; Pahala, \$6000.

There will be an enormous fund for armories throughout the territory, and their equipment, if all the measures now before the house in this respect become laws or otherwise take effect.

A "loan shark" measure drifted in from Representative Kupieha's desk. This bill makes it a misdemeanor for any person to borrow money and enter into a negotiation to pay it back at a rate of interest higher than 2 per cent a month. A penalty of both fine and imprisonment is provided for violators.

Industrial School Budgets
Representative Cooke introduced a bill which provides that on or before

December 15, 1918, and every second year thereafter, the board of industrial schools shall submit to the treasurer a budget to be known as the industrial schools budget, showing the estimated expenses, including salaries. It is further provided that all appropriations for the board and for the institutions under the control of the board of industrial schools, shall be made out of the general revenues, and not from the special fund for the maintenance of public schools.

Representative Tavares introduced a resolution for the appropriation of \$6000 for the erection of a two-room school and teachers' cottage at Pukoo, Molokai, to accommodate children in grades from the fifth to the eighth. The resolution was referred to the committee on education. Another resolution, by Representative Kawahara, provides for an appropriation of \$1000 for the purchase of law books for the third circuit court.

A resolution introduced by Representative Miles provides that the auditor, within 15 days, shall forward to the house a report on the manner in which moneys have been disbursed from the \$50,000 contingent fund. Kawahara introduced a resolution providing that the governor and heads of departments forward to the house an itemized report of all expenditures of moneys during the last two years under appropriations made by the last legislature. The resolution was referred to the committee on public expenditures.

Changes Age of Majority
The long-looked-for measure fixing the age of majority in the territory came today in the form of house bill 139, introduced by Representative Marquez.

The bill, which seeks to amend section 2992, R. L. 1915, provides that the age of majority of both males and females shall be 20 years.

One of Representative da Silva's measures today calls for an appropriation of \$8500 from funds from sales of land on Hawaii, for the purchase of 16 acres of land at Alae, South Hilo, now owned by the B. P. Bishop Estate. The county of Hawaii desires this land for use as a cemetery.

Await Attorney's Report
The house is now awaiting a report from the attorney-general's office on the business done during the last two years as provided for in a resolution introduced by Representative Lorrin Andrews.

It is noticed in the governor's first message that a raise in the pay of the attorney-general and his deputies is recommended as follows: Attorney-general, from \$350 to \$400; first deputy, from \$300 to \$340; second deputy, from \$250 to \$290.

Fixes License Fees
Representative Leal has a bill covering the issuance of annual licenses to hotels and boarding houses. This measure provides that, if these establishments accommodate 50 persons, or less, the fee shall be \$50 in Honolulu and Hilo, and \$25 in all other districts. If more than 50 persons are accommodated, the fee shall be \$70 in Honolulu and Hilo, and \$40 in all other districts.

Another bill by Leal covers annual licenses for lodging and tenement houses. If they accommodate 50 persons, or less, the fee shall be \$10 in Honolulu and Hilo, and \$5 in all other districts. If 50 or more persons are accommodated the fee shall be \$5 in

Honolulu and Hilo, and \$2.50 in all other districts. Representative Leal has also provided in a bill for the licensing of persons, companies or corporations buying or selling real estate, whether situated in or without the territory. For Hilo and Honolulu the annual license is fixed at \$500, and at \$250 in all other districts. Failure to pay the license fee is made a misdemeanor.

A public park at Hana, Maui, is sought in a joint resolution by Representative Joseph. This provides that the land commissioner shall proceed to negotiate with the Kaeleku Sugar Co. for the acquisition by the territory of an appropriate piece of land at Hana to be used for a park. It is further provided that the territory, in exchange, convey to the sugar company a piece of land of equal value.

The following bills were introduced in the house today:

House Bill 132
Making the first days of July, October, January and April the dates on which license fees become payable.—Jarrett.

House Bill 133
Fixing the amount of licenses for peddlers at \$50 a year and \$15 for three months.—Jarrett.

House Bill 134
Appropriating \$8500 for acquiring lands at Alae, South Hilo, for a cemetery.—da Silva.

House Bill 135
Fixing salaries of certain district magistrates as follows: Lahaina, \$1320; Wailuku, \$2100; Makawao, \$1320; Hana, \$1080; Molokai, \$900.—Brown.

House Bill 136
Fixing the salaries of certain county officers.—Brown.

House Bill 137
Appropriating \$20,000 for the reconstruction of roads through beach lots; Maui.—Brown.

House Bill 138
Protection of health by providing \$500 bond in all attachment cases.—Andrews.

House Bill 139
Fixing the age majority at 20 years for both males and females.—Marquez.

House Bill 140
Giving boards of supervisors the power to enforce necessary ordinances relating to police matters, sanitation, inspection of buildings, condemnation of unsafe structures, etc.—Kelekolio.

House Bill 141
Providing an annual license of \$2.50 to sell milk.—Kelekolio.

House Bill 142
Giving board of agriculture and forestry power to govern transportation of livestock and other animals by train or steamer.—Kelekolio.

House Bill 143
Giving board of health the power to make regulations governing misbranding of foodstuffs, adulteration, foul and noxious odors, waters in which mosquitoes breed, etc.—Kelekolio.

House Bill 144
Providing that persons desiring to sell milk shall first secure a permit from the board of health, and that such permit may be revoked for good cause.—Kelekolio.

House Bill 145
Providing for the biennial budget of the industrial schools, making expenses payable out of the general revenues instead of the special fund for the maintenance of public schools.—Cooke.

House Bill 146
Making it a misdemeanor for a person to borrow money and pay it back at a rate of interest greater than 2 per cent a month.—Kupieha.

Mexico City is 7,415 feet above sea level. Its death rate has been high.

ANONYMOUS LETTER SENT TO LEGISLATORS; POLICE FIND WRITER

It took Detective Captain Arthur McDuffie and Detective Sergeant John Kellett only a few hours to ascertain who was the writer of an anonymous letter to members of the legislature criticizing them for failing to pass Senator Chillingworth's prohibition bill.

Legislators who have read the letter brand it as a silly, uncalled for epistle and are determined to pay no attention to it. For reasons not mentioned, however, they decline to give the name of the writer or to make the letter public.

Immediately upon the receipt of the unsigned missive, detectives were called in to find out who wrote it. This was speedily done, McDuffie and Kellett having made a report yesterday afternoon.

HOUSE NOTES

The senate bill providing \$40,000 for the proposed trip of a congressional party to Hawaii will be taken up in the house tomorrow.

The house has adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

A meeting of the Oahu delegation to consider the city charter bill probably will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Forty-four voters, residing in South Kona, have petitioned the house for the establishment of a polling place at Honapuu.

Residents of Molokai have requested that the Hawaiian Band be taken to Molokai if the members of the legislature or any committees visit the island during the session.

House Bill 48, relating to protection of nehu and iao, has been favorably recommended by the agricultural committee.

Representative da Silva's bill, providing that all social clubs selling meals and intoxicating liquors be licensed at \$300 a year, passed second reading in the house today. It will be taken up tomorrow.

Kelekolio's bill providing that police officers be exempted from personal taxes was tabled in the house today on recommendation of the finance committee.

The annual reports of the boys' and girls' industrial schools were distributed in the house today in pamphlet form. The booklets are profusely illustrated and contain much interesting information.

The health and police committee has recommended the passage of H. B. 9, which provides that sheriffs shall have the powers of coroners.

As the provisions already are made in the session laws of 1915, Representative Leal's bill relating to the selling of poisonous drugs and narcotics was tabled in the house today.

Representative Brown introduced a bill fixing the salaries of certain district magistrates as follows: Lahaina, \$1320; Wailuku, \$2100; Makawao, \$1320; Hana, \$1080; Molokai, \$900.

A bill providing for an appropriation of \$20,000 for the reconstruction of roads through beach lots, island of Maui, was introduced by Representative Brown. The bill passed third reading.

Protection for sheriffs by providing a bond of \$500 in all attachment cases is contained in a bill introduced by Representative Andrews.

An annual license for peddlers of \$50, and a three months' license of \$15, are the provisions in a bill introduced today by Representative Jarrett.

SENATE NOTES

Senator Mikale introduced in the upper house this afternoon a bill proposing the appropriation of \$10,000 from the general revenues of the territory for repairing wharf, shed, out-houses and water pipes at Hanalei, Kauai.

A resolution was also introduced by Mikale requesting the land commissioner to furnish senators with copies of the new index book of grants and patents.

SEIZE MUCH MERCHANDISE

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Eng.—A half dozen large American department stores could be stocked with the great mass of merchandise now in possession of the English customs officers. The goods have been seized under the blockade at sea, add in port, under the British customs laws as being of suspected enemy origin. The articles include almost everything from pianos to the bulk of the goods came from Scandinavian ports, and were consigned to nearly every country outside the British Empire.

MAY ABOLISH GRAND JURY

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Eng.—The Attorney General having expressed in the House of Commons his sympathy with the growing desire to abolish the grand jury, legislation to give effect to that oft-repeated proposal may be confidently expected, says the Law Journal. When the Attorney General produces his proposals, he will be supported by the findings of the Royal Commission that inquired into the matter in 1913. The grand jury, though once regarded as one of the bulwarks of the constitution, is now considered to have outlived its usefulness.

MEASURE GIVES FURTHER POWER TO SUPERVISORS

Board of Agriculture Scope is Also Enlarged; Milk Bills Drift to House

Representative Bernard Kelekolio, the "boy orator" from the Big Island, introduced five bills in quick succession in the house today relating to powers of boards of supervisors, licenses to sell milk, board of agriculture and forestry, regulations of the board of health, and the production and sale of milk.

Kelekolio would give to boards of supervisors the power to appoint county physicians and sanitary inspectors having the same power as is given by law to agents of the board of health. He would also give the boards power to enforce in the various counties ordinances covering police matters, sanitation, inspection of buildings, condemnation of unsafe structures, and the collection and disposal of rubbish and garbage.

In another bill he provides that all persons having two or less cows may sell milk without paying a license, but that persons desiring to sell milk, who have more than two cows, shall pay an annual license of \$2.

He provides that the board of agriculture and forestry shall have the power to make rules and regulations concerning the quarantine and inspection of animals, and governing the transportation of animals between the different islands and along their highways, and also gives the board the power to make rules requiring the owners and masters of inter-island steamers to report on the amount of livestock shipped, its treatment and the number of deaths or injuries and the reasons.

It is further provided that all persons desiring to sell milk in the territory shall obtain a permit, and that, for good reasons, this permit may be revoked at any time.

GATHER DATA UPON ARCHEOLOGY WHILE AT WORK IN TRENCHES

PARIS, France.—The military French expedition in the Balkans following the example of the armies of Napoleon and Marshal Maison in carefully preserving and classifying all objects of archaeological interest discovered by the troops, has gathered data that is thought will throw much light on the primitive history of Macedonia.

Objects unearthed in trench digging at the front in Macedonia and in the construction of field works in the entrenched camp are assembled at Saloniki all duly labelled with full details of their discovery.

Organized research is being done so far as circumstances permit. Three flying columns have been sent to cover particularly interesting regions to make soundings with a view to the preparation of archaeological charts or maps.

These columns have already collected information of inestimable value with specimens of pottery, fragments of ceramics, with data as to the depth at which they were discovered.

Dancing at Moana

Tea dance tomorrow afternoon from 4 to 5:30, Moana lani. Tomorrow evening, dancing from 9 to 11:30.—Adv.



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A lady who used it says: "The atmosphere seemed hazy with or without glasses, but after using this prescription for fifteen days everything seems clear. I can even read the fine print without glasses." It is believed that thousands who wear glasses can now discard them in a reasonable time and multitudes more will be able to strengthen their eyes so as to be spared the trouble and expense of ever getting glasses. Eye troubles of

To obviate the noise of pneumatic riveting machines, one has been invented that squeezes rivets into place with a pressure of a ton.

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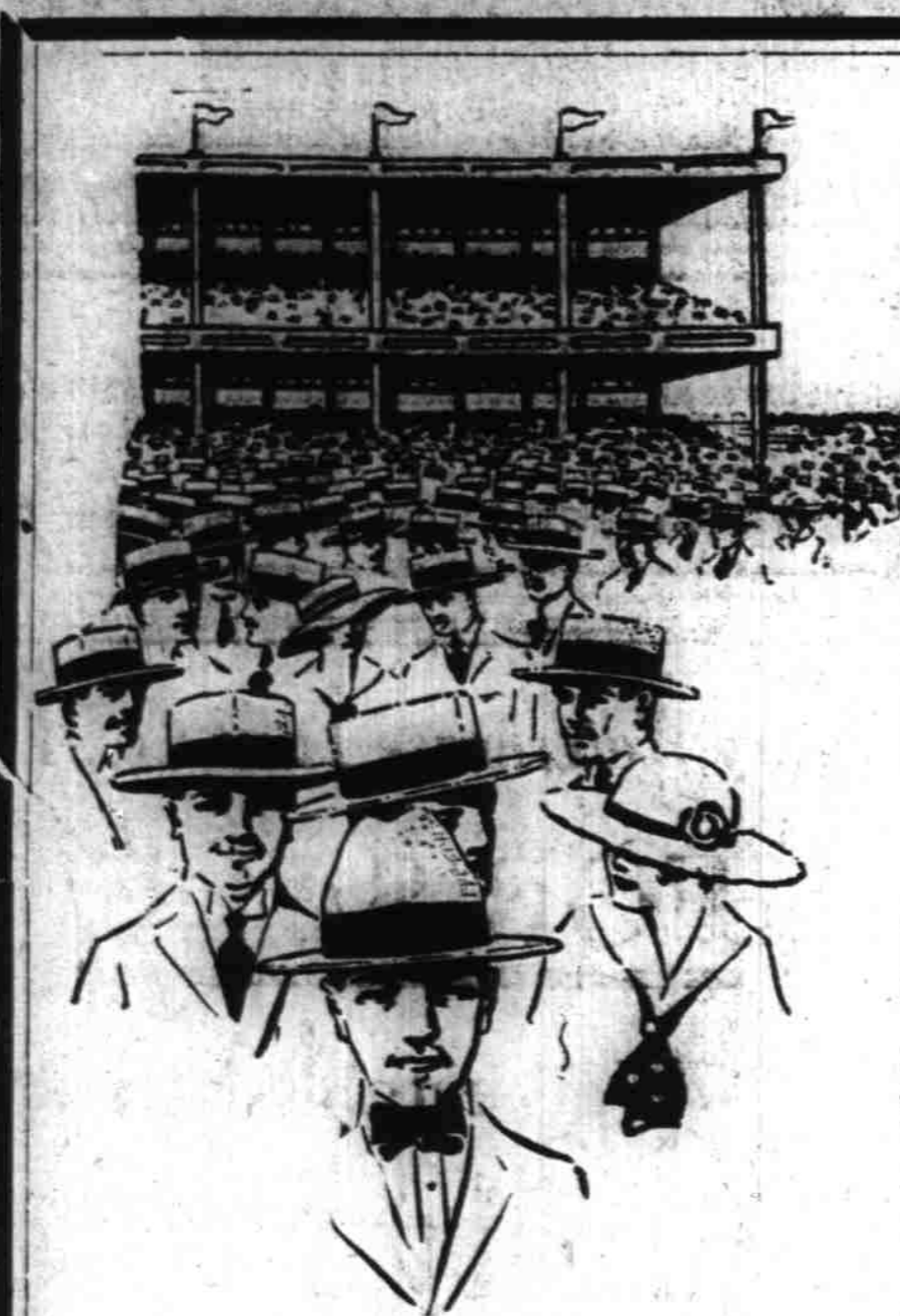
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